

President John F. Kennedy was looking for a group of men that could go anywhere in the world at a moment's notice. Beal was a member of SEAL Team Two, which was based out of Little Creek. His service was exemplary.

Harry Beal served in the Navy for 20 years. His service took him to South America, Southeast Asia, Europe, and the Caribbean Sea. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Harry Beal for his lifetime of service to our nation.

OPPOSING GLOBAL BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS MOVEMENT TARGETING ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 246, a bipartisan resolution that opposes the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement aimed against Israel, strongly supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and affirms the Constitutional right of American citizens to free speech.

Let's be clear about what BDS is and is not—BDS is not a social justice movement. It ignores Palestinian terrorist attacks targeting Israeli civilians, including more than 18,000 rockets and 105 suicide bombings, as well as human rights abuses perpetrated by Palestinian leaders against their own people.

BDS is an international effort to economically, politically and culturally isolate our close ally Israel. It undermines prospects for a two-state solution by punishing Israel with economic harm in order to force concessions by Israel alone and encouraging the Palestinians to reject negotiations in favor of international pressure.

BDS does not recognize the right of the Jewish people to national self-determination, a right proclaimed by the United Nations. Some of its supporters even advocate for Israel's complete destruction. Omar Barghouti, a co-founder of the movement, has said, "Most definitely, we oppose a Jewish state in any part of Palestine."

I am pleased that members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, understand that a secure Israel is important for our country as well as our allies. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this resolution which puts Congress on the record opposing the discriminatory BDS campaign against Israel and supporting a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resulting in two states.

CONGRATULATING THE TUMON BAY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra for taking home a Gold Award in

the 2019 Australian International Music Festival held in Sydney, Australia.

The Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra was organized in September 2018, launching Guam's newest community youth orchestra. The Orchestra seeks to provide a platform for youth musicians from various schools to build camaraderie through music. The repertoire for the ensemble includes the grand masterworks of centuries past to the latest movie or video game soundtracks, to the delight of audiences of all ages. The Orchestra is led by Artistic Director Maximo Ronquillo, Jr.

The Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra received a Gold Award for its debut performance for the 2019 Australian International Music Festival at the Sydney Opera House. The Australian International Music Festival is among the largest music festivals in the southern hemisphere, receiving participation from 62 ensembles and over 1,300 participants in 2019.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I want to congratulate the Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra for their success in the 2019 Australian International Music Festival.

IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF-CARE DAY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, July 24th is recognized as "International Self-Care Day" to bring attention to the importance of advancing public health through effective and safe self-care. Over-the-counter (OTC) products from cold medicines to cures for headaches, play a key role in consumer self-care which is evident by widespread use in nearly every household across the country. We must do all we can to support self-care and to advance lower-cost, safe and effective options for American consumers.

When health care innovation is blocked by government regulations, it's patients who lose. Our current process for approving over-the-counter products is unnecessarily inefficient, leading to higher prices and fewer choices for consumers. A problem like this rightfully deserves bipartisan solutions, and that's what we have in the Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act. I thank my friend from Colorado, Ms. DEGETTE for working with me for several years on H.R. 3443 to reform a broken system and bring new cost-effective OTC products to market faster. It's time for the over-the-counter approval process to be as modern as the innovations being presented to the FDA.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the value and importance of OTC medicines to promote and achieve self-care for families across our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, extenuating circumstances regrettably pre-

vented me from voting YEA on H. Res. 246, Opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel, of which I am a co-sponsor. I strongly support this resolution and our ally, the Jewish, democratic state of Israel. I am a proponent of a negotiated two-state solution for the Israelis and the Palestinians and will continue to condemn efforts that stand in the way of the path to peace.

SMALL BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3311, "The Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019."

H.R. 3311, the "Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019," would streamline the bankruptcy process by which small business debtors reorganize and rehabilitate their financial affairs.

I support this legislation because it addresses the special problems presented by small business cases by instituting a variety of time frames and enforcement mechanisms designed to weed out small business debtors who are not likely to reorganize.

It also requires these cases to be more actively monitored by United States trustees and the bankruptcy courts.

According to the Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Advocacy, approximately 20 percent of small businesses survive the first year, but by the five-year mark only 50 percent are still in business and by the ten-year mark only one-third survive.

Under the protection of chapter 11, a debtor is given a "financial breathing spell" from most creditor collection efforts.

This protection allows the chapter 11 debtor to continue its business operations while formulating a plan of reorganization to repay its creditors.

Not surprisingly, while most chapter 11 business cases are filed by small business debtors, they are often "the least likely to reorganize successfully."

I know first hand that Hurricane Harvey hurt many small businesses and though we worked to help them recover, bankruptcy was the only option for some of them.

While the Bankruptcy Code envisions that creditors will play a major role in monitoring these cases, this often does not occur, chiefly because creditors in these smaller cases do not have claims large enough to warrant the time and money to participate actively in these cases.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3311 to help our small businesses have a chance at success during difficult times.